

ACTION

AGENDA ITEM: CLSA Special Services Program - Literacy

ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING:

1. Consider potential Budget Change Proposal (BCP) for California Library Literacy Service for 2003/04.
2. Consider potential Budget Change Proposal (BCP) for Families For Literacy for 2003/04.

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD: I move that the Library of California Board direct its Chief Executive Officer to prepare a Budget Change Proposal, for Board consideration at the August 2002 meeting, to seek additional 2003/04 local assistance funding to increase the state match for libraries with established California Library Literacy Service programs to approximately 50%.

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD: I move that the Library of California Board direct its Chief Executive Officer to prepare a Budget Change Proposal, for Board consideration at the August 2002 meeting, to seek additional 2003/04 local assistance funding to expand Families for Literacy services in California libraries.

ISSUE 1: Consider potential Budget Change Proposal (BCP) for California Library Literacy Service for 2003/04.

BACKGROUND:

The preliminary 2002/03 CLSA local assistance budget as adopted by the State Board in August 2001 contains an allocation of \$4.090 million for the support of California Library Literacy Service as defined in Statutes (Chapter 1095, Statutes of 1992). This amount, which is the amount in the Governor's proposed budget, is sufficient to support all 14 existing 2nd through 5th year CLLS programs at the levels defined in statute. The current allocation is also sufficient to permit the initiation of CLLS services in one additional library jurisdiction, and to permit state to local matching of financial resources at an estimated \$1 to \$6.68 ratio (15%) for local programs in their 6th and subsequent years of operation. The law provides for a maximum of one State dollar for each dollar raised locally.

Based on surveys of libraries that have not previously participated in the CLLS, it is estimated that five additional jurisdictions will receive state literacy funding for the first time in fiscal year 2003/04. Also, 5 libraries will be in their 6th year and therefore entering matching funds in 2003/04. In order to achieve the goal of a \$.50-for-dollar state to local match the BCP process is proposed for the Board's consideration.

ISSUE 2: Consider potential Budget Change Proposal (BCP) for Families For Literacy for 2003/04.

BACKGROUND:

The preliminary 2002/03 CLSA local assistance budget as adopted by the State Board in August 2001 contains an allocation of \$1,384,000 for the support of Special Services - Families For Literacy Program as defined in Statutes (Chapter 1359, Statutes of 1987). The FFL budget as currently proposed by the Governor would be sufficient to minimally support 78 existing programs, plus an additional three new programs; however, every library that provides adult literacy services is eligible for FFL funding and it is the goal of the Board that all eligible libraries receive Families For Literacy grants. Many currently funded programs are under-funded.

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: CLSA Special Services Program activities include two major components: 1) activities undertaken to implement State Board priorities for emphasizing services to the underserved (e.g., System Reference); and 2) activities supporting the CLSA Special Services Program known as the California Literacy Campaign (CLC). The CLC includes two programs--the library-centered adult literacy services known as the California Library Literacy Service (CLLS), and the Families For Literacy Program (FFL).

Application materials and instructions have been mailed to all eligible participants for the CLLS and the Families for Literacy Programs (See Exhibits A and B to this agenda item). Exhibit C is the cover memo for the Matching Funds Procedures sent to CLC Library Directors current in year 5.

At its February 2002 meeting the Board authorized its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to allocate, as soon as the state budget makes them available, the 2002/03 CLLS funds to local programs in accordance with the provisions of Section 18733.2 of the Education Code of California. One application for a new CLLS program has been received. The new library considered for funding is Brawley Public Library. Staff will report on awards made for new starts and continuing programs for 2002/03 at the Board in August.

The Board also authorized its CEO to allocate 2002/03 FFL funds in accordance with the provisions of Education Code Section 18735 to local participants based upon the criteria set forth in the FFL application materials. Staff anticipate funding three new FFL programs. With 78 continuing FFL programs this would

potentially bring the total of FFL programs to 81. Staff will report on 2002/03 FFL awards at the Board meeting in August.

RELATED ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:

1. Report on CLLS Awards made for programs in years 1-5.
2. Report on FFL Awards.
3. Consider additional 2003/04 local assistance funding through the Budget Change Proposal (BCP) process if the above motions pass.

Relevant Committee: Literacy

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